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First Annual SCIFSAC Food Safety Recognition Awards

TWIN FALLS- South Central Idaho Food Safety Awareness Coalition (SCIFSAC) proudly presents the first annual Food Safety Recognition Awards to local restaurant and supermarket/warehouse establishments. A celebration ceremony to present the awards is scheduled for Tuesday, September 30 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the South Central Public Health District office (1020 Washington Street North on the CSI campus). The general public is welcome to join the celebration.

SCIFSAC is a group of community members from industry, academics, institutions, county/state governmental agencies, and the general public. The members share the common mission of increasing food safety awareness of food handlers and the general public through *Advocacy*, *Collaboration*, *and Education* (*ACE*).

The purpose of the Food Safety Recognition Award (ACE Award) is to recognize businesses that have made food safety their priority. Businesses receiving the award have demonstrated heightened awareness of food safety and excellent practices in safe food handling. Hopefully, this award will inspire more businesses to do the same. As a result, consumers will have higher confidence that the food they purchase at stores or restaurants is safe.

SCIFSAC selected the ACE Award recipients based on their demonstration of food safety knowledge and their performance during an unannounced, regular food safety inspection done by South Central Public Health District. The recipients are among the top

food safety performers in the health district, which encompasses eight counties: Blaine, Camas, Lincoln, Gooding, Jerome, Twin Falls, Cassia, and Minidoka counties.

For more information on the Food Safety Recognition Award, contact Melody Bowyer at 208-737-5909.

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